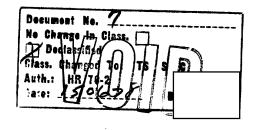
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- l. The cement factory at Munchon (127-18, 39-18), which had been operated jointly by the North Korean government and the Soviet army since the end of the war, was apparently turned over to the Soviets completely in September 1949. At that time, the management dismissed 254 employees on charges of inefficiency and viclation of labor regulations, alleging that the Soviets had complete control of the plant. Most of the laborers removed had been employed by the plant for several years; many of them have found no other employment since their dismissal.
- 2. In place of these workers, the plant took on 270 convicts with sentences of over five years. These were selected from the prisons of Chongjin (129-49, 41-46), Pyongyang, Famhung (127-32, 39-54), and Wonsan (127-26, 39-10).
- 3. Products of the Munchon plant are reported by local residents to be shipped to Manchuria as barter materials for the Chinese Communist armies:

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